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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ARTICLE ON IDF GENERALS' MEETING

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1. THOROUGH CHECK OF MAARIV APRIL 20 TO MAY 12 REVEALS NO ARTICLE DESCRIBING MEETING OF ISRAELI GENERALS EXCEPT FOR INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MAY 11 WITH RETIRING CHIEF OF ISRAELI AIR FORCE GENERAL HOD. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PORTIONS FOLLOWS.
2. BEGIN TEXT. QUESTION: RECENTLY... THE DEBATE HAS COME UP AGAIN: WHETHER THE EVALUATIONS OF THE GENERAL HQ IN THE WAITING PERIOD IN MAY 1967 ENCOURAGED THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE DECISION TO FIGHT OR WEAKENED ITS POSITION... WHAT WAS YOUR POSITION ON THE SUBJECT AS COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE?
3. ANSWER: ... THE POSITION OF THE GENERAL HQ IN THE CABINET DISCUSSIONS WAS PRESENTED ON THE WHOLE BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE TIME, GENERAL YITZHAK RABIN. TWICE THE POLITICAL LEVEL CAME TO MEET WITH THE GENERALS IN THE GENERAL HQ. THESE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED TO HEAR THE CONCEPTS AND EVALUATIONS NOT ONLY OF THE MAN WHO SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL HQ, BUT ALSO THOSE OF HIS COLLEAGUES, OTHER MEMBERS IN THAT BODY.

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4. QUESTION: WHAT WAS YOUR OPINION: TO EXTEND THE WAITING PERIOD OR TO STOP WAITING?

5. ANSWER: I, LIKE OTHERS, THOUGHT THAT THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE HARDER THE WAR WAS GOING TO BE. I HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE AIR FORCE, THE WAITING WOULD MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE. HOWEVER, LIKE MY OTHER N AM; NEW YORK; ETA UNK.

6. MAJAES, IBRAHIM
1918, BHAMDOUN, LEBANON.
TRADER; MALE; 168 CM; BLACK HAIR; BLACK EYES; LEBANESE;
LEBANESE PPT 27359 ISSUED 6 SEP 1972 BEIRUT; B-2 VISA
REQUESTED RUE DAMAS, MARASTANI BLDG, KARAKOL EL ABD, BEIRUT;
MEDICAL; BOAC; NEW YORK; ETA UNK.

7. MANOUKIAN, VIVIANNE ANTRANIK
8 APRIL 1950, BEIRUT LEBANON.
STUDENT; FEMALE; 164 CM; BROWN HAIR; BROWN EYES
LEBANESE; LEBANESE PPT 25125 ISSUED 16 AUG 1966 BEIRUT;
B-2 VISA REQUESTED; POBOX 92, BEIRUT LEBANON;
VISIT BOAC; NEW YORK; JULY 1973.

8. MASSAAD, BADIHA E., NEE GHOSTINE
1921, LEABNON
HOUSEWIFE; FEAMLE; 1 64 CM; FAIR HAIR; BROWN EYES; LEBANESE
LEBANESE PPT NO 19596 ISSUED 1966; B-2 VISA REQUESTED;
AIN MERAISSEH, BEIRUT; VISIT; PAA; NEW YORK; 20 JUNE 73.

9. MOUJAES, MAY
1956, BHAMDOUN, LEBANON.
STUDENT; FEMALE; 166 CM; BROWN HAIR; BROWN EYES; LEBANESE;
LEBANESE PPT 14000 ISSUED 23 MAY 1973 BEIRUT;
B-2 VISA REFUSED; MARASTANI BLDG, RUE DAMAS, KAROKOL EL
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ABD, BEIRUT; VISIT; BOAC; NEW YORK; ETA UNK.

10. MOUSSA, RODOLPHE NICOLAS
8 DEC 1948, CHEKKA LEBANON
STUDENT; MALE; 190 CM; BLACK HAIR AND EYES; LEBANESE
LEBANESE PPT 30818 ISSUED 18 SEP 1969, BEIRUT;
F-1 VISA REQUESTED; CHEKKA, LEBANON; STUDY; PAN AM;
HOUSTON TEXAS; ETA UNK.

11. SALLAKIAN, KHATOUNIG AGOP, AKA SILVA
23 NOV 1945, BOURJ HAMMOUD, LEBANON.
SALESGIRL; FEMALE; 176 CM; BROWN EYES AND HAIR;
LEBANESE LEBANESE PPT 129 46 ISSUED 19 MAY 1973, BEIRUT;

B-2 VISA REQUESTED; KILISSIAN BLDG, JALALA, NEAR
GROCERY MAJID, LEBANON; VISIT; PANAM OR AIRFRANCE;
LOS ANGELES; ETA UNK.

12. SINNO, MOUHAMED KHALED
1947, BEIRUT LEBANON
MERCHANT; MALE; BLACK HAIR AND EYES; LEBANESE;
LEBANESE PPT 20825 ISSUED 2 SEP 65 BEIRUT; B-1 VISA
REQUESTED; FOCH STREET, BEIRUT, LEBANON; BUSINESS
PAN AM; OR AIR FRANCE; NEW YORK; 30 MAY 1973.
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